Payments under IPRS

@4216. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount released by the Finance Ministry to the Commerce Ministry from April 1st 1992 to 31st March 1993, for compensating engineering and other exporters under International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS);

(b) what was the balance amount due for payment under IPRS as on 1st April, 1993 and as on 30th June;

(c) whether it is a fact that the full IPRS amounts are not paid to the exporters for several months;

(d) whether representations have been received from various exporters' organisations including EEPC of the serious impediments to continuing the present level of exports and earning of foreign exchange due to delay by the Government in releasing funds under IPRS; and

(e) by what date the Government expects to fully reimburse various exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The total amount released from Market Development Fund of Ministry of Commerce during 1992-93 for IPRS was Rs. 54 crores.

(b) IPRS claims pending for want of funds as on 29-3-93 and 28-6-93 were Rs. 169 crores and Rs. 252 crores respectively.

(c) There has recently been some delay in payment of claims under IPRS due to shortage of funds to finance IPRS.

(d) Yes. Sir.

(e) The Government has initiated several measures including providing additional funds for the scheme to expedite clearance of pending claims.

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2586, transferred from 17-8-93.

US enquiries on Indian exported Stainless Steel

4217. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that US Government have instituted enquiries on Indian Exported Stainless Steel;

(b) whether the stainless steel export was a part of Trade Agreement with US Government, if so, whether there were any restrictions imposed on quality type of stainless steel;

(c) whether Export licences were issued with such conditions preventing the export violative of trade agreement; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against such exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) There is no bilateral agreement governing trade between USA and India. Export of stainless steel from India is not subject to licensing control. As such the question of export of stainless steel in violation of trade agreement does not arise. The U. S. Department of Commerce, however, have initiated in January, 1993, anti-dumping investigation concerning export of stainless steel wire rods and flanges from India.

Duty-Free Import Licences for Fabrics

4218. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1397 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1993, and state :

(a) the names of 30 top Commercial Concerns in Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi to whom maximum value of Duty-free Import Licences for fabrics of Natural Silk, Rayon, Man-made Fibre, Woollens and Cotton have been granted during 1991-92 and 1992-93, by the above three Port Offices; and

(b) the total value of import licences granted to each to the above 30 top Commercial Concerns and separate figures for these 30 companies may be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CON-

SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Silk Fabrics

4219. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1413 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1993, and state:

(a) the names of top 20 Commercial Concerns who got Import Licences for Silk Fabrics under the various Advance Licensing Schemes during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the value of Licences granted to each of these 20 Concerns;

(b) whether the substitution of indigenous Silk Fabrics, which are generally not to the quality and specifications of imported Chinees Silk Fabrics, is permitted under the Duty Exemption Scheme, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the necessary measures to prevent misuse of the facility of Duty-free Imports of Silk Fabrics are likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir. However, for ensuring that inferior quality is not substituted, pre-shipment inspection requirement has been reintroduced.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Electronic Goods

4220. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of exports of engineering and electronic goods during the last three years;

(b) the names of the countries where there is a large demand for these goods; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to boost exports of these goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Exports of engineering and electronic items grew at the following rates, in rupee terms, during the last three years:—

Year	Growth rate of engineering exports	Growth rate of electronic items exports
1990-91	24%	32%
1991-92	41%	34%
1992-93	33%	27%

(b) The major markets for engg. exports in 92-93 were U.S.A., Singapore, U.A.E., U.K, Japan, Sri Lanka, Germany, Nigeria, Italy, Commonwealth of Independent States etc. The main markets for exports of Indian electronic items are Singapore, Malaysia, U.S.A., U.K, Austria, Germany, France, Italy etc.

(c) Steps taken to promote export of engineering items include provision of Schemes to provide inputs for export at international price, facility of import at concessional duty, capital goods required for export production, duty drawback, exemption of export profit from income tax etc. To promote export of electronic items, Government have taken a number of steps which include introducing Electronics Hardware Technology Park Scheme, value based advance licence scheme, establishing Software Techonology Parks, extending the provision of 100% tax exemption on software export earnings by a year etc.

Export of Deoiled Meal

4221. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are intending to promote exports of deoiled meal as cattle feed to capture an enhanced share of far east markets; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

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